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DATE:

February 18, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Osem USA -Creamy Pasta Chicken Flavor Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Allergy Alert; Due to milk in Creamy Pasta Chicken Flavor - Meals-on-the-Go; Recommend

notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled product has been distributed only to all-kosher stores and kosher sections of supermarkets, nationwide. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Osem USA Announces Nationwide Voluntary Recall of "Creamy Pasta Chicken Flavor – Meals-on-the-Go" UPC#: 0-77544-15580-0 Net WT: 1.94 oz

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Englewood Cliffs, NJ – February 13, 2009 – Osem USA, Inc. is initiating a voluntary recall of 1.94 oz Osem Creamy Pasta Chicken Flavor – Meals-on-the-Go with any production code. This product is being recalled because the package may actually contain traces of milk not declared on the label.

The recall of this product is of concern only to those individuals who have allergies to milk. Consumption may cause a serious or life-threatening reaction in persons with allergies to milk. Concerned customers should return the product to the store they bought for a full refund. Customers who have consumed the product and feel they are experiencing symptoms should contact their physician.

The recall was initiated after it was discovered that the product contains trace amounts of milk proteins, which were added unintentionally and are not listed in the ingredient statement.

Osem in Israel has received one report of adverse reaction to this product from a person with known milk allergy.



All production codes of the above product are affected.

No other Osem product is affected from this recall.

The product has been distributed only to all-kosher stores and kosher sections of supermarkets, nationwide. The trace of milk that came from the "parve" creamer is determined to be "batel beshishim" (according to halacha, extremely insignificant quantity) by the kosher authorities involved in this issue – accordingly the product is parve and there are no kashrut issues.

Customers who have questions or concerns about this recall should contact the Osem USA office at 1-800-200-6736 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern Time.

Media Inquiries: Please call Izzet Ozdogan 201-906-2151

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Photos: Product Labels

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